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A FLUID PASSAGE OF A FLUID  
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U.S. Patent No. 5,894,841 to Voges, issued April 20, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,649,554 to Sprinkel et al., issued May 22, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,277,436 to Stauf et al., issued August 21, 2001; and

Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report or the  
Declaration for PCT/US02/38690 dated June 19, 2003.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than 30 (thirty) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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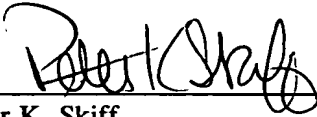
To assist the Examiner, the document is listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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